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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No.: 37945-0004

Applicant: Richard Anthony Godwin SMITH *et al.*

Appl. No.: 09/612,314

Examiner: David Saunders

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Art Unit: 1644

Title: CONJUGATES OF SOLUBLE PEPTIDIC COMPOUNDS WITH
MEMBRANE-BINDING AGENTS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Q Is there an election of species required?
A. Yes - but not for group XVIII
In response to the Office Action mailed March 26, 2002 (Paper No. 11), applicants hereby elect with traverse Group XXIII (referred to by the examiner as Group XVIII), claims 1-24, 26, 28, 37, 41, 44, 47 and 50, as they relate to, in the view of the examiner, membrane-binding elements that are complement inhibitors for prosecution in the subject application. Please note that the group numbering is incorrect and that Group XVIII should be Group XXIII. Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for examination, and an early action on the merits is courteously requested.

Q IS this a species?
A. No election

Respectfully submitted,

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